



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Interim Chief Probation Officer

At its meeting held April 12, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Interim Chief Probation Officer's recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing the Interim Chief Probation Officer to apply for \$27,874,194 in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding for Fiscal Year 2005-06 from the State Board of Corrections; and authorize the Interim Chief Probation Officer to take the following related actions:

Finalize the County's Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Plan) and submit final documents to the State Board of Corrections by May 1, 2005 and make subsequent program modifications, if needed;

Accept \$27,874,194 in fifth year Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding for Fiscal Year 2005-06 from the State Board of Corrections, upon approval of the County's Application and Plan;

Execute any amendments or extensions to existing contracts for the purpose of continuing programs implemented under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan developed by the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and to report any program changes as appropriate; and

Negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with various government agencies to provide services consistent with the Plan, and to report to the Board as appropriate.

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Recent statistics published by the California Department of Justice indicate that the number of juveniles arrested is declining. While there is no single explanation for this welcomed trend, it coincides with legislative initiatives that not only restructured the way local jurisdictions approach juvenile crime, but also reduced the involvement of at-risk youth and young offenders in the juvenile justice system. Due in large measure to the success of these legislative initiatives, the State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1913 (AB 1913), which provided a funding source and the guiding framework for implementing, sustaining, and/or expanding programs based on strategies that have proven effective in responding to juvenile crime and delinquency.

“AB 1913, commonly known as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), provides \$27.8 million to Los Angeles County in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-06 to maximize the impact of public dollars on public safety. Programs are focused on three key principles: local planning, multiagency collaboration, and program evaluation.

“The Governor’s proposed State Budget for FY 2005-06 includes a 75% cut in Statewide JJCPA funding and reserves the remainder for a new juvenile probation initiative to be announced in the May 2005 revision to the budget. This proposed cut, if approved, would result in the loss of at least \$20 million in JJCPA funding that is crucial to community-based services that help young people avoid a life of crime. The funding cut would become effective in FY 2006-07.”

Paul Higa, Interim Chief Probation Officer, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Interim Chief Probation Officer’s attached recommendation; and

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2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board send a five-signature letter to the Governor and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation in support of restored funding for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act programs, to ensure effective community-based services to keep juveniles out of the justice system by intervening in the lives of those who are at-risk of delinquent behavior.

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Letter sent to:

- Governor Schwarznegger
- Each Member, Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation